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A "Thank You" From All Of Us

January is a month to say "thank you." Not just the "thank you" for gifts we have received at Christmas; but "thank you" for the countless gifts of love and of substance which you—the members of one of our local congregations—have given to support the work of our church throughout the past year.

These gifts which you have so faithfully given have made possible the ministries of your local congregation to the community in which you live. They have supported our joint ministry in the Southeast Conference. Beyond this, your gifts have upheld the work of the United Church of Christ across the United States and around the world. In 1972 your denomination has channeled the symbols of your concern and

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Official Call Of The Ninth General Synod

Announcement is hereby made of the meeting of the Ninth General Synod of the United Church of Christ to be held in the Chase Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, beginning at 9:00 a. m., Friday, June 22, 1973, and continuing through 10:00 p. m., Tuesday, June 26, 1973.

Delegates from S. E. Conference are:

Mrs. Jackie Shargo, Nashville
Mr. Wallace Boothby, Birmingham
Mr. Frederick Jefferson, Atlanta

For the Executive Council of General Synod:

Robert V. Moss, President

Joseph H. Evans, Secretary

NOTE: Delegates are urged to arrive in St. Louis, Missouri on Thursday, June 21, 1973, and to leave St. Louis following the General Synod sessions on Wednesday, June 27, 1973.

CLLW Gives Three Emphases For Churches



(1) **With Heart—With Mind** — This is the time of year to provide each church family with a copy of the 1973 Family Thanks Offering booklet, "With Heart—With Mind" (free from Central Distribution Service, Box 7286, St. Louis, Missouri 63177). You will also want to provide them with an FTO box (5c), a do-it-yourself FTO label to use on beverage cans (3c), or FTO envelopes at 60c per 100, from the same address.

A new feature this year: Monthly FTO project sheets from **With Heart—With Mind** may be ordered for bulletin inserts or mailing to church families. Sets for 1973 are available free in lots of 100 from C.D.S.

Booklet contains information and prayer for December 1973 prepared by Maria Brown, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

(2) **Faith Exploration** — Thousands of U.C.C. People are engaging in Faith Explorations as the result of a priority project sponsored by the Council for Lay Life and Work.

*Training Sessions for Southeast Conference people will be held at Camp Calvin, near Atlanta, February 23 and 24, 1973. For information about F/E events in your area, or for help in planning a Faith Exploration in your local church, contact Mrs. Marian Cameron,

Birmingham, Mrs. Trudi Sanford, Atlanta, and J. K. Murphy, Pine Mountain, Ga.

For information about the project, "Adventures in Faith", and the Bible study booklet, R.S.V.P. order **Faith Exploration Packet** from Central Distribution Service, Box 7286, St. Louis, Missouri 63177, for 75c.

Faith Exploration News, occasional bulletin describing F/E materials and events, is available free from Council for Lay Life and Work, 1113 Rotary Drive, High Point, N. C., 27360. The Council for Lay Life and Work (297 Park Ave. South, New York, New York 10010) would like very much to have reports of any F/E events in local churches.



(3) **R.S.V.P.**—Doris Carlson, associate professor of religious education, The Defiance College, Ohio has prepared "Seven Invitations for Bible Study" for use by local churches.

Of special interest during Lent, this booklet, called **R.S.V.P.**, is available for 30c from Central Distribution Service. (Box 7286, St. Louis, Missouri 63177). One copy is included in the Faith Exploration packet which was in 1972

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Christmas At United Church, Huntsville

Kaleidoscope Christmas opened its doors on Friday, Dec. 1, from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. and on Sat., Dec. 2, from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Chairman Kaye Gates was very appreciative of the way everyone contributed to this annual event in the way of wonderful gift items and delectable baked goods. Many fine works of art and other art forms by local artists were on exhibition in the Gallery also, this being the second art show under the direction of Judy Miller.

MEALS ON WHEELS — Huntsville

The hardworking Women's Fellowship has taken on another project. They are helping HOPE (Huntsville Opportunity Program for the Elderly) in the distribution of balanced meals to persons unable to provide their own or to leave their homes. On the first Friday of each month, eight of their women are delivering approx. 50 meals to such persons. They use their own cars and pick up the food from a central distribution point. Of course someone else provides the service the other days of the month; but the whole program is voluntary and dependent upon such services as the women are giving.

Nancy Warmbrod announced the following Christmas program at United Church, Huntsville. On December 3 they decorated their traditional **Sock and Mitten Tree**. The children of the Church bring small gifts of socks, scarves, gloves, etc., to lay upon the branches of the evergreen tree. Their gifts are sent to the Winnebago Children's Home in Neillsville, Wisconsin in time for Christmas. These children have a special need for this concern and expression of love. Because of their insecure and unstable lives, the warmth thus brought into their lives is felt more deeply.

The monies the women earn from the sale of donuts help build warm walls of a new cottage for children at the Winnebago Home who range in age from 5 to 16.

This year the Sock and Mitten Tree was a family celebration. A film called "The Coming of a Stranger" was shown and the parents were invited with their children to view this beautiful film which asks the questions—"Is

Christmas in fact merely a Day of Gifts?" and "Has the Stranger, (Christ) appeared to all men?"

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YOUTH TAKES A GIANT STEP

In spite of a great deal of talk and planning over the years about ecumenical affairs, nothing concrete has taken place until recently, at Huntsville, but now the young people of the Church are doing something about it. It all started when their youth group and the one at St. Stephen's next door began playing softball together. One thing led to another and soon it was agreed to join the two youth groups on an experimental basis. Senior High meets generally, at 5 P. M. each Sunday at St. Stephen's with their Youth Advisors and their pastor, Rev. Taylor Wingo, as resource person.

Junior High meets generally at 5 P. M. every other Sunday at United Church with their advisors and Rev. Henry Tuttle as a resource person. The young people like the new arrangement and the added members make possible more exciting programs.

So much for an experiment which may well be the frame of future youth movements across the land.

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WORSHIP THEMES FOR DECEMBER

During Advent the general title for all four sermons were: "The Four Dimensions of the Christian Story." Each Sunday's sermon was sub-titled as follows:

Dec. 3 "Kerygma" (Proclamation of Telling.)

Dec. 10 "Diakonia" (Servanthood or Doing.)

Dec. 17 "Koinonia" (Life Together or Being.)

Dec. 24 "Leitourgia" (Worship or Celebration.)

Lanett Church Has Busy Fall

Youth Sunday was observed with one of our own young men, Terrill Shadix, as speaker. The youth had charge of the entire morning worship.

The pulpit committee planned an all-night prayer vigil on Nov. 11. This proved to be one of the most inspiring experiences ever, for the participants who came into the sanctuary with the only light reflecting on the hanging cross above the altar, while very soft, appropriate background mu-

sic was played. Prayers were offered for personal commitment and willingness to be led by the Holy Spirit in full cooperation with our new pastor and wife, and for blessings on their ministry.

Our pulpit committee worked and prayed diligently in the securing of a new minister. Our deepest gratitude goes to Gwen Holley, Ed Lauderdale, Mrs. Charles Looser, Mrs. Arthur Dailley, Mrs. Bobby Oliver and Pacita Harry.

On November 12, Laity Sunday was held with the Laymen's Fellowship having charge. Mr. Harold Spear, President of the Men's Fellowship, was leader of the service. Dr. Howell Mann of Phenix City, Ala., was guest speaker. Our Family Thank Offering was also received on this day.

November 19 was an extra special Thanksgiving Sunday for us, with the coming of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold N. Auler, Jr., and Elizabeth. Dr. W. J. Andes occupied the pulpit at the morning service and delivered a real challenge to the congregation. He was assisted in the service by members of the pulpit committee.

Following the evening service and fellowship supper, Misses Lynn Horne, guitarist, Donna and Connie Alexander, sang. Rev. Harold Auler gave a beautiful piano rendition of "Wonderful Savior" following a very appropriate Thanksgiving meditation by Mrs. Gwen Holley. Mrs. Auler joined Mr. Auler in singing the Twenty-Third Psalm in Spanish, the musical score being his own original composition.

A new "Jet Set" Circle has recently been organized which meets bi-monthly and is led by Mrs. M. L. Redden. The ages of the members range from 52 to 92, and their real name is the Sara Circle.

In closing, let me share this clipping with you.

They say that the body of every organization is structured from four kinds of bones. There are the wishbones, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work. There are the jawbones who do all the talking, but little else. The knucklebones who knock everything anybody else tries to do. Fortunately, in every organization there are the backbones, who get under the load and do most of the work!

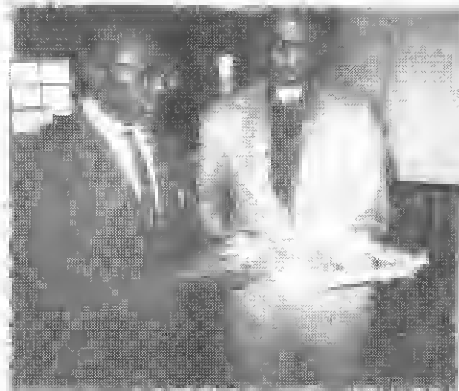
Which bone are you? (Copied)

Lois Harry, Reporter

Mortgage Papers Burned

Sunday, December 10, 1972, was a happy day at the Sweetwater United Church of Christ. The mortgage on the parsonage had been paid and the church celebrated the event by having the Treasurer, John Martin, and the pastor, James L. Williams, burn the mortgage papers in the service of worship.

Lunch was served in the basement of the church. Following lunch, the Church Council met in the sanctuary to plan for the erection of a church building, hoping to burn the mortgage on it in 1987—15 years from now.



John C. Martin and Rev. James L. Williams burn parsonage mortgage papers December 10, 1972 at the Sweetwater Church in Tennessee.

First Congregational, Chattanooga, Celebrates

Homecoming was observed November 12, 1972. The 11 a. m. service featured Mrs. Margaret Radford as speaker. At the 3 p. m. service Rev. Lester of Orchard Knob Baptist Church and his Choir were special guests.

Also, the Reverend Bernard Blount was introduced on November 12 as the new pastor of the church. Mr. Blount is a student at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Wallace L. Robertson is the Moderator of First Church.

Uplands' Staff Increased

The newest addition to the Upland's staff is Dr. J. Quintor Miller of Yonkers, New York, who will be in the administrative office for five months, succeeding Lloyd Long. He was formerly associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches. He and Mrs. Miller are living in the Bushong home on Maple Drive. We welcome them!

From: Community Church Courier

CHRISTMAS AT PLEASANT HILL

Pleasant Hill Community Church has a unique opportunity to make the Christchild celebration a meaningful one. The Wharton Nursing Home has a large number of elderly people who feel lonely at this season of the year, especially if their loved ones are not nearby. Some of our church members invite the ambulatory ones in small groups to come to their home for tea. On Sunday mornings before church, our "second choir" sings hymns in the corridors of the Home. During the Christmas season there will be Christmas movies and slides shown to the residents as well as other members of the church and community. The weekly Vesper service, led by church members, features carols and suitable stories. On Christmas Eve, the traditional candlelight service at Wharton Home has our church members participating in the celebration, as well as the serving of refreshments at the fellowship hour which follows.

Because our church membership consists predominantly of Uplands retirees, (57 percent) and because there are very few children in the congregation, our Junior Church School is held on Tuesday afternoons, when more than a dozen girls from the community come to one of our homes.

—Mrs. T. C. Braun

OFF TO A GOOD START

Recently organized at the North Alabama Association, the Committee on Christian Education and representatives of five churches met Nov. 12, 1972, at the Union Grove Church, Haleyville Ala. Faith Exploration will receive major interest and four representatives will be sent to a training event in February, 1973.

Goals established:

1. Increase internal fellowship
2. Establish church teacher training
3. Establish libraries in churches
4. Develop youth programing

Needed from Conference and national sources:

1. Church school curriculum suitable for rural church use (minimum reference material)
2. Help in purchase of Concordance and audio-visuals.

This committee meets again Jan. 14, 1973, 2:30 p.m. at the Haleyville Church at the same time and place the Church and Ministry and the Outreach Committees meet.

—John Pline



Officers E. Alabama Ministerial Association elected November 20, 1972. L to R: Warner D. Noles, Joe A. French, Olin Sheppard.

E. Ala. Ministers Elect Officers

Meeting at the Lanett Church on November 20, 1972, the East Alabama ministers elected the following officers for 1972-73:

President: Olin E. Sheppard

Vice-President: Joe A. French

Secretary-Treasurer: Warner D. Noles

The East Alabama Association provided a Christmas dinner for the ministers and their wives on December 18, 1972, at the City Cafe in Roanoke.

A new pastor, Rev. Harold N. Auler, Jr., was received into their fellowship since he is the pastor of the Lanett Church.

Arnold Slater, interim pastor of Langdale Church, spoke on "Possibilities in East Alabama," challenging the ministers to develop:

- Real Evangelism
- Leadership Training
- Community of Fellowship
- Strong Stewardship
- A better program of advertising.

John J. Roemer Is Now Assistant Pastor, Louisville

The Rev. John J. Roemer, 3100 Verne Court, Louisville, Ky. 40205, is now the Assistant Pastor of the Zion United Church of Christ, in Louisville, Kentucky. He moved to Louisville the first of November and "preached to the congregation" on Sunday, Nov. 19th. His sermon topic was "Respondez Sil Vou Plait."

We are grateful for the ministry of the Roemers in the Southeast Conference and we wish them well in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.

"Here And There In The Southeast"

Dr. Homer C. McEwen's brother, Alfred E. McEwen, presented a concert at the First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 19, 1972. He was accompanied by Mr. W. Floyd Riffin at the piano. The church choir also assisted Mr. McEwen in the concert.

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Rev. Ralph Worley, Roanoke, Ala. until recently pastor of Lowell Church, Roanoke, is now pastor of the Noon Day and Pleasant Grove Churches, near Roanoke. He will continue to live in Roanoke and also work in the Candle-yick mills, in Roanoke. His new address: 313 Mitchell St., Roanoke, Ala. 36274.

Brookmeade Church, in Nashville, voted Nov. 5, 1972, to go to part-time leadership with Rev. Don Orander continuing as pastor and also participating in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Vanderbilt University Hospital. The church has concluded its Christian Enlistment Drive after an enthusiastic direction by Bill and Delores Cook. The Goal was \$11,975 and pledges amounted to \$13,300. The fall bazaar cleared \$900, most of which will go to Board for Homeland Ministries for mortgage reduction.

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Montgomery, First Church, reports a successful Women's Day at which time the ladies of the church gave \$170 over and above their regular giving. The church had a church banquet on Sunday evening, Dec. 17, at a nearby restaurant. This was part of the Centennial observance of the church. Rev. Andrew Cooper of Birmingham First Church was the guest speaker. The church recently held a planning retreat and two more will be held in the spring of 1973. George Hawkins, pastor, is also a student at Alabama State in Montgomery.

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Columbus First, Wm. E. Wilson, pastor, recently added to the staff, on a part-time basis, a Director of Education, Mrs. Virginia Wilson, a Director of Youth and Evangelism, Don Irwin (a student at Columbus College), an organist, Miss Susan E. Lloyd, a Director of Music, Mrs. Roberta Shepard, and a pianist, Miss Betsy Woods. Two Lay Leaders, Warren Williams and Gary Peters, serve in the services of Worship each Sunday. The church had a Christmas Eve Holy Communion Sing on December 31. Other things recently

accomplished: Completion of the kitchen, treated the building for termites, paying debts regularly, beautified and cleaned church yard, developed Christian Education plan for the church, found new choir members and new church members, and have morning prayers each Sunday at 8:30 a. m., a service of worship at 11 a. m. and evening prayers at 7 p. m. An outreach goal for missions is set: 15 percent of operating budget for O.C.W.M.

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Two social action magazines recently merged: "Engage" of the United Methodists and "Social Action" of the United Church of Christ. The January 1973 issue is the first combined monthly—"Engage-Social Action."

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Birmingham, Pilgrim Church, is experimenting with all of the elementary age Church School children rehearsing for 15 minutes each Sunday as a choir in lieu of the Junior Choir. The children are learning such music as The Doxology, the Gloria Patri and hymns. On December 17, the Elementary Church School joined the Senior Choir in a "Service of Nine Lessons and Carols." Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boothby visited Hawaii recently on a business-vacation trip. Mr. Boothby is Vice-Moderator of the Southeast Conference. Rev. Horace Sills of Lancaster Seminary, was guest speaker Dec. 9 and 10. Mrs. Marian Cameron, Acting Coordinator of the Education Commission of the Southeast Conference, recently received two honor award certificates from the Jefferson County Committee on Economic Opportunity for outstanding services to the Community. Lawrice Kay Johnson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Johnson, and Allen William Richards were married in Pilgrim Church, November 10, 1972.

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Birmingham, First Congregational Church, Rev. Andrew Cooper, pastor, celebrated its 90th birthday the week of Nov. 5-12, 1972. Dr. Joseph E. Evans, Secretary of the United Church of Christ, with office in New York, was the featured speaker on Sunday, November 5, 1972.

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Headland, Alabama, Blackwood Church's Junior and the Senior Choirs, sang at the South Alabama-N.W. Florida Association. Mrs. Ray Smith, wife of the pastor, directs and accompanies the choirs.

Events Planned For 1973

Jan. 8, 10 A.M. — Executive Comm. and Finance Comm. at SE Conf. Office.

Jan. 13, 10 A.M. — Southern Alabama Area Council, Holiday Inn East, Montgomery, Ala.

Jan. 14, 2:30 P.M.—Christian Education, Outreach, and Church & Ministry Committees of N. Ala. Assoc., at Union Grove Ch., Haleyville, Ala.

Jan. 15, 1:00 P. M.—Executive Comm. of the Scott-Morgan Counties Ecumenical Ministry, at Church of the Savior, Knoxville, Tenn.

Jan. 20, 21 — Ala.-Tenn., Mini-Youth Conference, Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Jan. 23, 6:00 P.M. — Georgia-South Carolina Executive Council, at First Church, Atlanta.

Jan. 27, 10:30 A.M. — Ala.-Tenn. Executive Council, Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga.

Jan. 29, 6:00 P.M. — Dr. Robert Moss and Atlanta area U.C.C. Ministers at First Church, Atlanta.

Jan. 30-31 — Council on Mission Priorities, U.C.C., at Air Host Inn, Atlanta, Ga.

Jan. 31-Feb. 2 — U.C.C. Council of Conference Ministers, Air Host Inn, Atlanta, Ga.

Feb. 3 — Ga.-S.C. Com. on Christian Education, Atlanta, Ga.

Feb. 8-9 — Budget and Finance Com. of Executive Council, New York.

Feb. 10 — Commission on Education of the Southeast Conference, Atlanta.

Feb. 12, 10:00 A.M. — Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference, Atlanta.

Feb. 18, 3:00 P.M. — Ordination of Artis Johnson, Thomasville, Ga.

*Feb. 23 - 24 — Faith Exploration Happening, Camp Calvin.

"The City as Possibility" was the theme of a Conference held Nov. 17-19, 1972, in St. Louis. Attending from Southeast Conference: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jeter, Rush Memorial Church, Mrs. John Hill, First Church, Rev. Edward Driscoll, Central Church in Atlanta, and Newton Holliday, Nashville. The Outreach Commission of the Conference recently requested an urban strategy for the United Church in this area.

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Cullman, St. Johns Church, had a Christmas Cantata and Pageant before Christmas and a Christmas morning Communion Service at 6 a. m. on December 25.

The P F FLIER, B'ham., Pilgrim Church, Reports:

"We have a good program, mixing the spiritual and recreational aspects of Christian youth fellowship about half and half. We do things which are purely recreational and we do things which are educational both from a religious standpoint and an academic standpoint. I want to emphasize here, though, that we do not have another Sunday School on Sunday afternoon. Our activities include Bible study, discussions of Christian ideals and ethics, and discussions of those problems which confront the youth of today. In line with Dr. S. L. Johnson's recent precedence of discussing personal problems and asking God to solve them, we have begun periods of intercessory prayer in our PF meetings. During these, anyone is free to bring up a problem which some friend has, we discuss the problems if applicable, and we pray as a group that God will act to solve the problem."

"In the recreational department, during the last month alone we have taken a trip to Little River Canyon, Alabama, to view the wonders of nature."

"Regarding our Denver trip, it is scheduled for December 26-January 1, 1973. We plan to go to the Denver area on a sightseeing/skiing trip. We will go by car, driving through to Denver without stopping overnight. There will be four adults, two couples, as chaperones. We plan to stay in an apartment type lodging, so that we will be able to cook our own meals."

Fred Morris, Lay speaker at and a member of the Hillside Church in La-Grange, Georgia, toured the Holy Land after Thanksgiving.

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Ala.-Tenn. Executive Council Meets

Fifteen officers and Committee members of the Alabama-Tennessee Association Executive Council met in Chattanooga, Pilgrim Church, Saturday, November 18, 1972.

Mrs. Peggy Hall and Mrs. Marian Cameron led a sharing of faith and brought the group to a renewal of our faith.

It was noted that: John Roemer has moved to Louisville, Ky., to serve as associate pastor of the Zion Church; Bill Winterbottom was hospitalized; Allen Hollis will be installed March 18, 1973, as pastor of First Church, Nashville; the secretary of the Association, Mrs. Marie Jones, had lost her husband by death (the funeral was that day and sympathy was sent to the bereaved family).

The Church and Ministry Committee proposed clusters of churches so that ministers would learn to know one another and programs developed. A new club was being developed, "Buck-fifty Book Club," so that ministers could purchase books at a lower cost. A program of "on the job" training was being developed.

Peter Andrea, president of Southeast Youth, announced plans for the Youth Conference officers of Chattanooga, Pilgrim Church, December 9 and 10, 1972.

The Christian Education Committee proposed the "Faith Exploration" program and the Executive Council urged the participation of the Ala.-Tenn. churches in this program. Four people from the North Alabama Association, at least two young people and six others from the Ala.-Tenn. Association would be trained in February, 1973 to hold "Faith Exploration" events in program areas of the Association from March to June, 1973.

Conference and Association Youth Counselors are needed. Executive Council agreed to help find these counselors.

Allen Hollis was named acting chairman of the Christian Education Committee since Mrs. Marian Cameron is serving as acting coordinator of the Southeast Conference Commission on Education.

The Outreach Committee is launching the Identity Program in Huntsville and Knoxville, beginning January 1973. This program will be available to churches across the Association and Conference by summer, 1973.

A new program of outreach was noted in the Morgan-Scott Project for cooperative Christian concerns. Mr. James Romer is the director and Rev. Robert Butziger, pastor of Robbins Parish, is assisting.



Officers of the Ala. - Tenn. Association November 1972. L to R: Moderator, Donald B. Orander, Nashville, Tenn.; SEC Board of Directors, Roy Meinke, Huntsville, Ala.; Treasurer, Hubert Reichter, Cullman, Ala.

1973 O.C.W.M. Goals are to be sent to the churches from the Conference office.

The Executive Council meets again Jan. 27, 1973, 10:30 a.m., Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bonanza Church Celebrates 6th Anniversary

"Thanks to God" instead of "Happy Birthday dear Church" was said at the sixth anniversary celebration of the Bonanza United Church of Christ, Jonesboro, Georgia, on Nov. 5, 1972. The need for a bigger church building was emphasized when even the standing room was taken.

The program of the first service of the church, November, 1966, was followed. Rev. L. Floyd Carmack introduced the sponsoring committee and those instrumental in starting this church in the Bonanza community which at that time did not have any church. The Sponsoring Committee was Rev. Ed Driscoll, Rev. Emilie Pitcock, Miss Nettie Pitcock, Rev. and Mrs. Karlton Johnson, Rev. Hugh Lasseter, and Dr. J. E. Lippy.

Charter members of the church were recognized and presented with charter member certificates.

A covered dish dinner provided by the ladies of the church, was enjoyed by the members and guests following the morning service. The Church now is planning to build in 1973 and proposes to render a wider service to the community.

Lorelai Bonner—
Church Reporter

How Shall We Respond?

(Worship Meditation: Ala-Tenn. Association—Oct. 7, 1972)

—Jackie Shrago

We have been called together to face the issues and problems of the Alabama-Tennessee Association. As representatives of these churches we are called together to bring insight and new hope to our corporate efforts.

Committees have met, officers have deliberated, preparations have been made—all is ready and waiting. "Come now, for all things are ready." These are words, not that we speak to each other, but in prayer to that which is beyond us. Let us pray:

"We pray your Spirit to empower, enlighten, enable, enliven this meeting of your people. We pray that we have prepared ourselves to be sensitive to the needs of all your people—those in our local churches, in our neighborhoods and beyond—sensitive to their needs and to the calling of the Gospel to speak forth joyously with the good news—the good news that life is new, refreshed through the grace of love of God. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

We who call ourselves Christians promise each other and commit ourselves to God to live justly and in peace with those around us.

How do we respond when the U. S. Senate chooses to test several plans for solving the welfare problem when people suffer through such inhuman rules and regulations? It chooses to postpone consideration and decision rather than working at solving the problem?

How do we react when human lives are lost as a result of a plane crash in Sacramento, California? Not lost because of some unforeseen accident but lost because when there was adequate warning that a shopping center should not be built so close to an airport, the developers got permission to build one anyway!

What is responsible thought and action today?

Recently in South Africa, churches who received money from the World Council of Churches were asked by their government to withdraw their membership from the World Council. The United Congregational Church and the Presbyterian Church in South Africa voted to remain. The Presbyterian General Assembly said simply:

"The General Assembly reminds the Prime Minister that its only Lord and Master is Jesus Christ, that it may not

serve other masters and that its task is not necessarily to support the government but to be faithful to the gospel."

Mere words again? Not really, after this stand, reprisals were made—church offices searched, church leaders questioned and missionaries expelled. But such courageous actions should inspire and strengthen us and our churches to proclaim boldly the church's mission to spread the message about the wholeness of life—the wholeness and goodness of everyone's life:

the wholeness of the life of a young punk stealing a car to feel the power of speed;

the wholeness of the life of a young woman faced with an unwanted child; the wholeness of the life of a high school kid who can't make it because somewhere, someone failed to teach him to read;

the wholeness of the life of a man caught in a job and no way to make enough money to support his family; the wholeness of the life of an alcoholic or drug addict who for some reason can't find a good reason to live.

We have seen the great life of the gospel of Jesus Christ, let us go forth and spread the news to the neighbors—the low ones and the mighty ones for all are the same to God.

God, as we go forward help us not to forget our mission in all of the resolutions and motions. Help us to be sensitive to each other that we may support each other as we go out from here this evening. Give us the spirit to be tough. You have dared us to be human, overhaul our church and give power to the people—all the people for all of them are our brothers.

So be it—Amen.

HOW ABOUT A MISSIONARY RELATIONSHIP FOR YOUR CHURCH?

You can have direct communication with a live missionary in the field. When the missionary returns to this country he or she can visit and give you first hand information about the work. Bring the mission home with a missionary relationship.

"Members of Southeast Conference were saddened in August at the death of Hope Saunder who had been living in Tennessee. Word has come of the sudden death of her husband, Allen, on October 7th. Our sympathy goes to their three sons."

New Audio-Visual Catalog And Guide

The new Audio-Visual Catalog and Guide 1972-1973 should already be at your church. It lists all filmstrips available for sale and all films available for rental through the Office for Audio-Visuals. A quick look at the new catalog will demonstrate the many ways in which it is more helpful than the previous edition (1970-1971) which it replaces.

For the first time, the Audio-Visual Catalog And Guide gives the production date of every title listed.

A second advantage is the completely rewritten description for nearly every title. The new descriptions are more complete, more objective and in most cases, provide evaluations of the content and give suggestions for how the audio-visual can best be used.

It is immediately apparent that the topical index has been greatly expanded. The number of headings has been doubled, giving suggestions for a greater variety and a more contemporary listing of categories.

New in this 1972-1973 version of the catalog is a list of addresses from which additional media resources can be secured.

As before, the Audio-Visual Catalog And Guide 1972-1973 includes all the necessary information on films and filmstrips, including cost (many of which were reduced a year ago). The catalog gives hints for a total audio-visual program in your local church and also gives technical information for projecting and using audio-visuals.

The new 1972-1973 catalog has been published in the same format as new MEDIA news, 8½ by 11 inches, so that the new catalog can be kept with past and future issues of new MEDIA news.

All those currently receiving new MEDIA news regularly should have automatically received a complimentary copy of the new catalog. Additional single copies are \$1.00, five copies \$4.00, and ten copies are \$7.00. Send orders to Literature Distribution Service, Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

New MEDIA news will continue to be published five times a year to bring you descriptions of new titles as they are added to the library, as well as to provide a forum for helpful information relating to the use of audio-visuals in the local church.

Volleyball Teams Clash

Two of the world's finest volleyball teams that have ever played at the First Church in Nashville clashed in an exciting struggle Sunday, October 22. The fast action, hard hitting volleyball classic began with the display of the colors and the moving presentation of the National Anthem as a jet passed overhead. Next, a special dedication ceremony was held in which the renowned Rev. Allen (scissor edge) Hollis was on hand to snip the ribbon from around the new ball. The players with home towns such as Graw Bone, Indiana, and Grubb Hole, Pennsylvania, charged on to the court at their introduction.

Action grew fierce by halftime as the Goldfingers jumped into an abrupt lead over the Cocounts—both teams composed of young people from the First and Brookmeade Churches. The cheerleaders lacking in experience, the average age being about 6 years, demonstrated dynamic spirit bringing the crowd to life at halftime. The highlight of halftime proved to be the crowning of "Miss Stump Queen," lovely Miss Tonja "tip-py toes" Hollis, who was crowned with cardboard, robed with burlap, and adorned with weeds and twigs.

Action resumed rapidly. It soon built to a climax as the Goldfingers squeezed a victory. Players and spectators then merged to enjoy a weiner sizzling, stomach filling social. Vesper service by firelight capped the activities.

Simply stated, the youth of First and Brookmeade Churches in Nashville, Tennessee, provided an afternoon and evening of laughter, entertainment, and fellowship for the members of both Churches. Try it . . . you'll like it!

—Darryl Peebles

Books For Rhodesia

The Stewardship Committee of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, has undertaken a project to help collect books to be sent to Rhodesia. The Rhodesia government has ruled that all education shall be in English, but the schools in rural areas are short of textbooks and general reading material in the English language. Books to be sent to Rhodesia should be new or in good used condition, well-illustrated, good print, easy vocabulary, fiction, simple science, or Bible stories. Textbooks cannot be sent unless there is a number of the same kind.

Horace S. Sills Guest Leader At Birmingham Pilgrim Church, Dec. 9-10

Dr. Horace S. Sills, vice president of Lancaster Seminary, was guest at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, over the weekend of December ninth and tenth, 1972, for three Spiritual Empowerment Meetings.

At the first meeting on Saturday evening, Dr. Sills spoke on WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE? The comment of one young woman sums up his thought: "He told us what he believes, not what we should believe, and that we've got to work out our beliefs for ourselves."

On Sunday morning he continued the thinking of the congregation with the question: WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? Sills spent considerable time considering prayer. "You have a right to expect an answer to prayer," he said in part, "but not always the answer that you want."

The series was concluded on Sunday afternoon with WHAT DO YOU CELEBRATE? He said, "You should celebrate the living Christ."

A reception was held after the Saturday and Sunday evening meetings and before the Sunday morning service in order for the people of the parish to become well acquainted with their newfound friend.

Support A Child Through Your Church

Every one of us sees the variety of plans advertised in magazines and newspapers. "Give to help support a child overseas," they say, and many of us respond with both love and dollars. But did you know that you can participate in such a plan through your own church? Last year, the United Church Board for World Ministries, through its program of Overseas Child Sponsorships, related some 248 children in seven countries to U.S. sponsors. The cost of such sponsorship is usually \$10 to \$15 per month, since the Board carries out the program through its Service Division without separate administrative expenses. When you want to establish such a direct relationship, you need go no further than your own church.

Consumer Tip: Use A Shopping List For Peace

One helpful suggestion for those who have to make every dollar count is this: use a shopping list! Otherwise, one may be tempted to buy things which one really doesn't need, and then not be able to afford to buy the essentials. Our wants and needs should be clearly separated and given priorities.

This is also true of our national wants and needs. A recent issue of **Focus**, the newspaper-like resource for youth and adult planners and leaders, called attention to this fact. **Focus** quoted Bess Myerson Grant, national consumer advocate, as saying that we give the government money so that it can go "shopping" for our household needs as a nation.

The problem is, the editors suggest, that over the course of the last few decades our government has too often bought death and destruction rather than life and creation. Over one trillion dollars has been spent by our government since 1945 on war and the equipment, systems, and personnel necessary for military preparedness, a sum equivalent to the estimated value of all the buildings in America! Literally, as Seymour Melman states, we could have rebuilt America with the money we have spent on the military. **Focus** editors then point to a number of dollar equivalents as they relate to this choice between "life and death" and our federal budget:

17 Army Machine Guns (\$9.025), 1 elementary school teacher's annual salary.

1 Main Battle Tank (\$600,000), full-time psychotherapy for 171 drug addicts for one year.

1 Spartan missile for the ABM system (\$3 million), keeping the New York Public Library open evenings and weekends for 2 years.

1 B-1 Bomber (\$25 million), 15 small 50-bed public hospitals.

A booklet explaining the implications and intricacies inherent in this "life or death" choice is entitled "Jesus, Costs, and Benefits of New Priorities." Obtain from the Peace Priority Team/UCBHM, 1505 Race Street, Room 803, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

Echoes Of American Indian Sunday

On Sunday, Nov. 19, 1972, the first American Indian Sunday was observed by many congregations of the United Church of Christ. Even as our congregations sought to lift up the purpose and work of our U.C.C. Council for American Indian Movement, a militant secular group was returning home from a trip to Washington. The trip, labeled the "Trail of Broken Treaties," was not accomplished without disruption and violence.

However, anyone who has read Dee Brown's authoritative history, **Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee**, knows that the entire history of our nation's dealings with the Indians has been one of broken treaties and broken promises. It is therefore imperative that we in the United Church of Christ plan now from the beginning of the year to fulfill the "promise" of support which our delegates made at the last General Synod to the American Indian members of our church.

Read "A. D."—A New Publication For A New Day

In spite of the old saying—"there is something new under the sun," and that something is "A.D.-1972". It is a combining of the UNITED CHURCH HERALD and PRESBYTERIAN LIFE—very attractively turned out. Whether or not one was a subscriber to the HERALD, one glance through the new A.D.-1972 magazine, and you will want to subscribe right away so as not to miss a single copy of this well-planned religious magazine. Let's all see to it that A.D.-1972 makes it.

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FRANCES THOMPSON AVAILABLE TO CHURCHES

One of Pleasant Hill's members who early this year retired and came to live in Pleasant Hill is Frances Thompson. She taught in the College of Theology, Silliman University, and since 1952 at Dansalan Junior College.

Frances was born in Kentucky. She always wanted to be a missionary, having received the idea from an aunt who was unable to go. In 1937 there was a vacancy in the theological school in the Philippines and the Congregational Christian Board urged her to accept.

In a Vesper Service at Wharton Home recently Frances gave brief sketches of some of her students, showing the great interest she had in the youth there. It was not easy work, for Marawi City, where she lived, was in the center of the Muslim area. Frances was active in the local church, its Christian education work and in public welfare. The Board states: "Dansalan College is an example of a school which has a lively concern for community service."

At the annual meeting of the Board for World Ministries, held in Ohio recently, Frances Thompson was honored at a banquet for her 35 years of dedicated service. A gift flown in from Hawaii by an appreciative member of the Board was a lei of orchids. She is available to our churches as a mission interpreter. Write her at Pleasant Hill, Tenn. 38578

"BIG E"-Evangelism

Last summer, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries sponsored the Deering Conference on Faith and Its Corporate Expression. Out of this experience, in which representatives of

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR HELPING YOUTH

Robert J. Rosenberg, Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention Admin. Department of HEW, Social and Rehabilitation Service, Washington, D. C. 20201, will send a four-page brochure to anyone interested, listing and describing the wide range of volunteer programs available for helping youth. It's a place for your people to demonstrate ministry, as well as to know what's happening. Also available is a free poster, "Turn Around! He Needs You. Get Involved."

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CLLW Gives

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Fall Laity Resources, published by the Council for Lay Life and Work.

Note: Emilie Pitcock shared in preparation of program, "As You Go—Be Surprised" in current CLLW worship program booklet. This booklet, AS YOU GO, is available from Central Distribution Service, for 75c.

selected conferences and national staff participated, has come "A Statement of Commitment" which describes in dramatic fashion the meaning of evangelism for today. A booklet entitled EVANGELISM FOR A NEW DAY, the final outcome of this process, contains the statement and amplifies its message to the churches. Copies of this booklet have already been sent to every congregation of the United Church of Christ.

A "Thank You"

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of love to literally thousands of people. Their needs—both material and spiritual—have been met because you cared!

The members of your Conference staff want to add their own personal "thanks" to each one of you who has given to the Basic Support of Our Christian World Mission in 1972. The report of what we do as a Conference and of what we enable the United Church of Christ to do on our behalf is limited only by the generosity of our members and local congregations. Again we say, "Thank you!"

Signed:

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